

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: January 22, 2007

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 12: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the City of Culver City for project planning and design of the Ballona Creek Overland project, Culver City.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds in the amount of \$60,000 to the City of Culver City for project planning and design of the Ballona Creek Overland Project, Culver City.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204(c) of Public Resources Code.

Background: The Conservancy has received an application and funding request from the City of Culver City. This application is requesting \$60,000.00 of Proposition 50 funds for the project planning and design of the Ballona Creek Overland project. This project will convert a concrete embankment adjacent to the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path into a retaining wall, landscaped area and rest stop with educational components. The project site is located at a bike path entrance near three schools, a library, and an adult learning center. The project is within the Santa Monica Bay watershed.

The funding requested will be used for engineering design, preparation of project plans and specifications, and a safety and security study for the site. Once constructed, the improvements will be maintained by the City of Culver City. Funding for construction of the improvements has not been secured. It is expected that the City will apply to the Resources Agency for the second round of River Parkways funding in October 2007.